California Democratic Party Endorsement Process
Assembly District 80 Special Election

Key Dates:	**January 7th, 2022**	**Governor's Proclamation Issued on AD 80 Special Election**
	January 7th, 2022	**Deadline 5 pm: DSCC Members registered in AD 80 Eligible to Vote**
	February, 5, 2022	**Deadline 1:15 pm: Convener to receive Endorsing Caucus VBM Ballot**
	February, 5, 2022	**Special Election Primary Endorsing Caucus***
	April 5, 2022	**Special Election Primary**
	April 11, 2022	**Special Election General Endorsing Caucus (if needed)**
	June 7, 2022	**Special Election General (if needed)**

Democratic Party Endorsement:

The only form of endorsement for the Assembly District 80 Special Election, or any other election, is an "official endorsement" as described in Article VIII of the By-Laws & Rules of the California Democratic Party (CDP) and summarized in this document. Per CDP By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 1 a: *Unless a candidate, or position on a State Ballot Proposition, Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, has received an "official endorsement" all motions of support, recommendation, or other expressions of approval, or disapproval, whether express or implied as pertains to a candidacy for public office, or position on a State Ballot Proposition, Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, no matter how denominated, shall be out of order at any meeting of This Committee, its Executive Board, its Regions, its Assembly District Committees or its Caucuses; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent This Committee's Regions, or its Caucuses, from calling on the California Democratic Party to take any action.*

Endorsing Caucus and Voting Eligibility - Per CDP By-Laws & Rules, the State Party Chair is required to call a Special Election Endorsing Caucus of the 2021-2023 Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) members who are resident and registered to vote in Assembly District 80 as of 5 pm of the day of the Governor's Proclamation of the Special Election with one exception: DSCC members appointed by elected officials or "highest vote-getting Democrats" are not eligible to vote in the Endorsing Caucus unless the appointed member is registered to vote in the same electoral district that the appointer represents.

Candidates - Each candidate registered as a Democrat in Assembly District 80 may request to be considered for the Democratic Party endorsement. To seek the endorsement, a non-reimbursable $250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) filing fee must be paid prior to the Endorsing Caucus meeting.

Please visit cadem.org/endorsements/special-endorsing-caucus-information/ to access the online Candidate Registration Form.

At the Virtual Endorsing Caucus Meeting:

Endorsing Caucus Information: Assembly District 80 Special Election Endorsing Caucus
February 5, 2022
Zoom Room Opens: 12:55 pm
Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 pm
Via Zoom: https://cadem-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduitpzwpGNVQy19XA7lVM_4dLnz5Zqok
Convener: Michelle Krug – AD80Special@Cadem.org
CDP Staff Contact: Emma Harper – Emma@Cadem.org
Estevan Rojas – Estevan@Cadem.org

Quorum - Fifty percent plus one of the credentialed members of an Endorsing Caucus shall constitute a quorum, whether in-person or voting by mail.

Voting - Voting at the Endorsing Caucus is by signed written ballot, the results of which shall be read off as though it were a roll call vote. Members must submit their vote-by-mail ballot via email to AD80Special@Cadem.org or mail to the Regional Director/Convener chairing the Endorsing Caucus by 1:15 pm on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Please email the Regional Director if you plan to mail a ballot to them. No proxy voting is allowed. All Delegates must have paid their 2022 Delegate Dues prior to the start of the Endorsing Caucus for their ballot to count.

In order for the vote to be counted, CDP By-Laws, Article IV, Section 7, b, states: *In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at any meeting of This Committee, a member must have timely: (1) paid their dues to This Committee, or had them waived, (2) registered for the meeting, if registration was required, (3) obtained their credential prior to the closing of credentialing, if credentials were issued for the meeting (4) completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and (5) agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.*

The Endorsing Caucus may not endorse more than one candidate. Each member may vote for one of the candidates who has filed to participate in the endorsement process or vote for "No Endorsement" on the ballot. A candidate must receive at least 60% (sixty percent) of the votes of the Endorsing Caucus members present and voting to be endorsed. "No Endorsement" is counted as a vote, but is essentially an abstention or no consensus vote; however, pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order,* an abstention will not be counted. A vote for a candidate that did not file, will not be counted. In the event that no candidate receives 60%, it is deemed that the Endorsing Caucus has failed to make an endorsement.

Endorsement - The decision of the Endorsing Caucus shall become the official endorsement of the California Democratic Party and is effective at the end of the Endorsing Caucus meeting.

Objection/Appeal Process:

Any objection must be made in writing and filed within two (2) days of the Special Election Endorsing Caucus with State Chair Rusty Hicks in the Sacramento office (fax is acceptable) and must be signed (with an original signature) by either: (1) a majority of the five statewide officers or (2) 20% of the DSCC members of the Endorsing. Objection must be submitted before 1:00 pm on April 7, 2022.

If an objection is filed, a Special Elections Appeals Committee will make the final determination at a meeting no later than five (5) days after an objection has been filed. The Special Elections Appeals Committee shall be comprised of the statewide officers; the Regional Director(s) for the district, two (2) Executive Board members, appointed by the State Chair, from each of the following committees: Rules and Credentials

*Political Party Endorsements must be submitted to the county election officials by 54 days before Election Day. This date has been subject to change in the past when there are holidays. We must hold our Endorsing Caucus no less than 72 hours before this date.

Note: *The CDP By-Laws supersedes any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process, including the information in this document. All candidates, DSCC members, and interested parties are urged to review the CDP By-Laws. A current copy can be found on our website at www.cadem.org.*